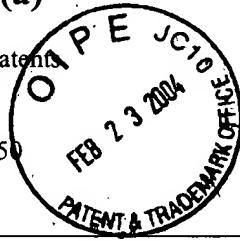


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR
1.136(a)**

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ 110
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is:	\$ 55

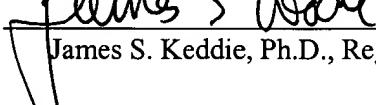
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0815. If additional fees are required, including extensions of time, please consider this a petition therefore.

I am the:

- applicant/inventor
- assignee of record of the entire interest.
See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) is enclosed.
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